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SUBJECT: MEETING OF SENATOR MCGOVERN WITH DEPUTY MINISTER RUNOV

1. SUMMARY. SENATOR MCGOVERN MET ON AUG 25 WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE BORIS RUNOV. TONE OF MEETING WHILE FRIENDLY INCLUDED MENTION BY RUNOV OF MOST OF USUAL BONES THAT SOVIETS PICK WITH U.S. OVER GRAIN EXPORTS. END SUMMARY.

2. AT THE OUTSET, THE SENATOR CONGRATULATED THE SOVIET UNION ON THE RECORD 1976 CROP AND GOOD OUTLOOK FOR 1977. RUNOV DID NOT PROVIDE ANY QUANTITATIVE ESTIMATE OF CURRENT GRAIN CROP EVEN THOUGH PRESSED HARD TO DO SO. HE INDICATED ONLY THAT WHILE GROWING CONDITIONS THIS YEAR HAVE BEEN GOOD, THE HARVEST HAS BEEN COMPLICATED BY RAINS.

3. SENATOR MCGOVERN'S QUESTION ON SOVIET GRAIN IMPORT NEEDS THIS YEAR ALSO WENT UNANSWERED. HE NEVERTHELESS INFORMED RUNOV THAT U.S. GRAIN SUPPLIES SHOULD BE ADEQUATE AGAIN THIS YEAR TO PROVIDE THE SOVIET UNION WITH AMPLE QUANTITIES OF GRAIN AND SOYBEANS, AND THANKED HIM FOR PAST SOVIET PURCHASES. RUNOV MENTIONED SEVERAL FACTORS BEARING ON FUTURE U.S. GRAIN SALES INCLUDING: MARITIME AGREEMENT

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REQUIREMENTS ON USE OF AMERICAN FLAG VESSELS; DIVIDED U.S. OPINION ON SALES OF AMERICAN GRAIN TO THE USSR AND THE PRICE OF U.S. GRAIN IN COMPARISON WITH OTHER SUPPLIERS. ALTHOUGH GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON AMERICAN GRAIN QUALITY, HE ONLY SHOWED MILD DISSATISFACTION, AND LITTLE FAMILIARITY WITH ANY PROBLEM.

4. BOTH SENATOR MCGOVERN AND DEPUTY MINISTER RUNOV EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER THE ONGOING COOPERATION UNDER OUR BILATERAL AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT.

5. THIS MESSAGE WAS CLEARED BY SENATOR MCGOVERN.
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